

### Remarks

The restriction requirement is traversed because, for practical purposes, only a single search should be required for examination of the guardrail described in claim 9 and the method of using such guardrail in claim 10; for the guardrail of claim 11 and the method of using that guardrail in claim 12; and for the guardrail of claim 13 and the method of using that guardrail in claim 14.

For example, the guardrail of claim 9 requires a bar code scanner and/or and RFID scanner, along with the guardrail and computer controllable electronic display mounted on the rail. The method of claim 10 requires steps of scanning a bar code or an RFID chip to provide a digital representation, and processing the digital representation to provide a message on the electronic display. The electronic guardrail message display method of claim 10 is especially adapted for use with the guardrail mounted electronic display of claim 9 so that, for practical purposes, only a single search is necessary for the subject matter of those claims. Similarly, the electronic guardrail message display methods of claims 12 and 14 are so intimately related to the guardrail with mounted electronic display of respective claims 11 and 13 that the subject matter of all such claims ought to be covered by only a single search.

The Office Action does not provide the examples specified in MPEP § 8605.05(h).

Applicant requests an early Office Action on the merits of his application.

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